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HB 2126

Introduced by
Representatives Arnold, Nelson: Senator Hellon

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-991, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COUNTY FINANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-991, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-991. Annual estimate by county school superintendent of
5 monies for ensuing year

6 A. The county school superintendent, not later than August 1 each
7 year, shall file in writing with the governing board of each school district
8 in the county and the board of supervisors the superintendent's estimate of
9 the amount of school monies required by each school district for the ensuing
10 year, based on the budgets adopted by the governing boards of the school
11 districts. The estimate shall contain:

12 1. A statement of the student count of each school district.

13 2. The number of one-room and the number of two-room rural schools in
14 each school district and the student count in the one-room and two-room rural
15 schools of each school district.

16 3. The total amount to be received for the year by each school
17 district from the county school fund and the special county school reserve
18 fund.

19 4. The ending cash balance from the previous year for each school
20 district.

21 5. The anticipated interest earnings for each school district.

22 6. Revenues equal to the amount included in the adopted budget for the
23 maintenance and operation section of the budget permitted by section 15-947,
24 subsection C, paragraph 2, subdivision (a), items (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and
25 (vi) and subdivision (d). The county school superintendent shall estimate
26 the additional amounts needed for each school district from the primary
27 property tax and the secondary property tax and shall certify such amounts to
28 the board of supervisors in writing at the time of filing the estimate. WHEN
29 ESTIMATING THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NEEDED FROM THE PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX FOR A
30 SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE AS PROVIDED
31 IN SECTION 15-971, THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL INCLUDE THE SCHOOL
32 DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD'S ESTIMATE OF THE INCREASE IN THE REVENUE CONTROL
33 LIMIT AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 15-948 FOR THE APPLICABLE YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE
34 FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

35 (a) THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT MAY ONLY BE
36 COMPUTED USING THE STUDENT COUNT AND PROJECTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF
37 THE GRADE LEVELS FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS INELIGIBLE FOR EQUALIZATION
38 ASSISTANCE.

39 (b) THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP USED TO
40 COMPUTE THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN THE REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT MAY NOT EXCEED
41 THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP IN THE APPLICABLE
42 GRADE LEVELS IN THE THREE YEARS BEFORE THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE ESTIMATE IS
43 MADE.

44 B. The county school superintendent shall recompute equalization
45 assistance for education for each school district as provided in section

1 15-971, subsection A using the property values provided by the county
2 assessor as provided in section 42-17052. The county school superintendent
3 shall certify in writing the amount of equalization assistance for education
4 and the amount needed for each school district from the primary property tax
5 to the board of supervisors on or before the third day prior to the day the
6 board of supervisors is required to levy school district taxes as provided in
7 section 15-992.

8 C. The county school superintendent shall compute the additional
9 amount to be levied as provided in section 15-992, subsection B, using the
10 property values provided in section 42-17052. The county school
11 superintendent shall certify in writing the additional amount to be levied to
12 the county board of supervisors on or before the third day prior to the day
13 the board of supervisors is required to levy school district taxes as
14 provided in section 15-992.

15 D. On or before September 1, the governing board of a school district
16 shall file with the county school superintendent an estimate of the amount of
17 P.L. 81-874 monies which it is eligible to receive during the current year.
18 On or before June 1, the governing board shall file with the county school
19 superintendent and the superintendent of public instruction a statement of
20 the actual amount of P.L. 81-874 monies it received during the current
21 year. This subsection does not apply to accommodation schools.

22 E. On or before September 15, the governing board of a school district
23 shall prepare a final estimate of revenue from all sources and shall maintain
24 a copy that is available for public inspection. Additional copies of the
25 final estimate of revenue shall be sent to the county school superintendent
26 and submitted electronically to the superintendent of public instruction.
27 School districts that are subject to section 15-914.01 are not required to
28 send a copy to the county school superintendent.